

News Briefs

Anthrax update
The Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization for Anthrax vaccinations has been extended. The Department of Defense will now continue the Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program through Jan. 14, 2006. For more information about the program, visit www.anthrax.mil.

MEO briefing update
The Military Equal Opportunity briefing is no longer offered during the monthly Newcomers’ Orientation at the Columbus Club. Instead, it is offered twice a month in the MEO classroom, Building 926, Room 213.
For exact dates and times, contact your commander’s support staff or look under “Classes” on the MEO Web page at www.columbus.af.mil/ftw/meo.asp. For questions or more information, call Ext. 2546.

AMC travel update
Air Mobility Command passenger terminals now require that passengers provide NATO travel orders as well as official travel orders. This requirement will prevent border clearance violations into the European Theater. Headquarters AMC must enforce these requirements and passenger terminal personnel will deny travel to those who are not in compliance with NATO documentation requirements. For more information, call Ext. 2849.

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Local NCO teaches CAFB children the fundamentals of pool.

KidsDay proclamation



Col. Mark Baker, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, signs a National KidsDay proclamation in the company of youth center staff and children. All Columbus AFB children are invited to the National KidsDay celebration from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at Freedom Park. The event will feature games, art activities, a scavenger hunt, wacky olympics, a dunk tank, pony rides and more. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Day to Care needs CAFB volunteers

Columbus AFB is one of many local organizations joining United Way of Lowndes County to celebrate its national “Day to Care” event Sept. 15.
“This event was created to shed a positive light to Sept. 11,” said 2nd Lt. Lea Lato, project officer. “Even though the event doesn’t fall on that day, the sentiment remains the same. It is a positive way to remember the tragic day while benefiting the community.”
Day to Care partners volunteers with service projects that benefit United Way nonprofit organizations such as the Red Cross, Helping Hands, Boys and Girls Club, 4-H, Recovery House, Girl Scouts, Palmer Home for Children and others.
In previous years, base volunteers spread out across Columbus to participate in a variety of projects including: painting, gardening, stocking food pantries, landscaping the downtown T-37 static display, riding Dial-A-Bus with elderly citizens and manicuring historic burial grounds located on base.
Volunteers are needed again this year to spend the morning engaged in similar projects.
Specific pairing of participants with projects will be coordinated over the

course of the next several weeks.
Projects begin at 7:30 a.m. and the half-day event culminates in a free volunteer appreciation lunch at Trotter Convention Center, located in downtown Columbus.
Interested BLAZE TEAM members are encouraged to discuss desired participation with supervisors before signing up.
Day to Care volunteers will be accepted until all positions are filled. To sign up or for more information, call Lieutenant Lato at Ext. 7068. *(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office)*

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE									
PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD	
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required
37th (06-07)	1.74 days	-0.6 days	Sept. 2	48th (05-13)	1.7 days	1.36 days	Aug. 12	T-37	213
41st (06-06)	1.65 days	-0.32 days	Aug. 11	50th (05-13)	1.85 days	1.26 days	Aug. 12	T-38C	171
								T-1A	156
									338
									171
									162
									25,902
									12,371
									11,386

Graduation speaker: Col. J. Mike Holmes, 4th Fighter Wing commander

Making the grade



Courtesy photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the August enlisted promotees. Pictured are (front row): to airmen first class: Keith Brown, 14th Communications Squadron; Mark Hurlbut, 14th CS; Markaza Johnson, 48th Flying Training Squadron; Chad Lugo, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; to senior airmen: Adam Bailey, 14th CS; Xavier Coley, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; (back row) Paul Korom, 14th OSS; Stephen Patrick, 14th OSS; Calvin Williams, 14th Security Forces Squadron; to staff sergeant: Tara Goswick, 14th Mission Support Squadron; Brandon Pickard, 14th OSS; and James Wells, 14th CES. Not pictured are: to airman first class: Daniel Engel, 14th Operations Support Squadron; to senior airman: Belarly Dormetus, 14th Medical Support Squadron; Nita Crawford, 14th OSS; Monica Newcomb, 14th SFS; to staff sergeant: Jennifer Simmons, 14th SFS; and to technical sergeant: Paul Wright, 14th SFS.

Geren designated acting SecAF

SAN ANTONIO — The president designated Pete Geren to be the acting Secretary of the Air Force on July 29, replacing Michael Dominguez.
The appointment is in accordance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, Air Force officials said.
Mr. Geren, who was special assistant to the secretary of defense, assumes his new office as directed in Title 10, United States Code and Air Force directives, Air Force officials said. He took the Department of Defense post in September 2001 with responsibilities in the areas of interagency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects.
A former Texas congressman 1989 to 1997, Mr. Geren served on the Armed Services, Science and Technology and the Public Works and Transportation committees during his tenure.
Mr. Geren earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas in 1974, and his jurist prudence from the university’s law school in 1978.

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Senior Airman Eddie Elbert
14th Security Forces Squadron



The 14th Flying Training Wing thanks Airman Elbert for his **extraordinary volunteer assistance at the family support center for the PDF, Jr. program**. His enthusiasm and energy helped make the mock deployment scenario an outstanding success for more than 60 children.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **25 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.
Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.





Lear Siegler Service Incorporated instructor Dave Woods shows five-year-old Pilot For a Day Calvin Al'Ashkar a T-37 simulator during his visit to Columbus AFB July 29. The Pilot For a Day program invites children who suffer from various debilitating illnesses to trade a day of doctor's appointments and medical procedures for a tour of the base.

Second Lt. Lea Lato

Both death benefits, insurance increase for servicemembers

Army Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Compensation for the survivors of servicemembers who die in combat zones and insurance coverage for servicemembers will both increase significantly this year.

An increase in death gratuity benefits from \$12,500 to \$100,000 already has taken effect, and Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance maximum coverage will increase to \$400,000 starting Sept. 1, said Col. Virginia Penrod, director of military compensation.

The increase in death benefits took effect May 11 and is dated retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001, Colonel Penrod said. This means that survivors of servicemembers who died between Oct. 7, 2001, and May 11, 2005, will receive the increased benefits, as will survivors of servicemembers who die from May 11 on, she said.

The increased benefits are for survivors of servicemembers who die in combat zones, combat operations and combat-related situations, she said. Combat-related situations include airborne duty, combat training, demolition duty and training

exercises.

A policy designating combat areas and situations was given to the individual services in June, and each service is now reviewing cases. Payments already have begun, but the process of identifying and paying eligible survivors could take several months, the colonel said.

When the increase in SGLI coverage takes effect Sept. 1, it also will be dated retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001. Survivors of servicemembers who died in a combat zone, combat operations or combat-related situations between the October date and Sept. 1 will receive \$150,000 in transitional insurance, which will bring them to \$400,000.

Besides the increased coverage, DOD will pay premiums of \$150,000 for servicemembers involved in combat operations or deployed to a combat zone.

The increase of these two benefits came about as a result of a 2004 study evaluating the adequacy of death benefits for servicemembers. The study found that benefits were adequate, but did not recognize the unique sacrifice made by servicemembers who die in combat situations, Colonel Penrod said.

NCOs needed to retrain into career fields with shortages

The NCO Retraining Program is designed to move NCOs from Air Force Specialty Codes with significant overages to those with shortages.

The Fiscal Year 2006 program will offer about 1,100 opportunities for retraining.

Phase I, which is voluntary, began Aug. 1 and will end Oct. 14. If a force balance has not been achieved by the termination of Phase I, Phase II will begin with involuntary retraining. Selection now mirrors assignment eligibility; those with more time on station will appear as primaries for involuntary training.

Phase I vulnerability rosters

are posted on the Air Force Personnel Center Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enl/skills/retraining/retraining.htm. Vulnerable members are highly encouraged to apply for retraining into shortage skills or special duty identifiers '8XXXX' by Oct. 14.

Master sergeants, in particular, may apply for first sergeant duty (8F000). Anyone in an AFSC or grade identified as an overage may also apply if all eligibility requirements are met.

For more information on the retraining program and eligibility, call Ext. 7038 or Ext. 2607. *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*

Critical days continue to take Airmen

Tech. Sgt. Mike Spaits
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — The fatal auto accident that claimed the lives of two Airmen in Germany recently raised the Air Force's death toll to 24 during this year's "101 Critical Days of Summer."

While that number is fairly typical for summer fatalities, it is still too high, said Tom Pazell, deputy chief of Air Force Ground Safety.

"This time last year, we had 19 fatalities, and in 2003 we had 21 as of Aug. 3," Mr. Pazell said.

"Our biggest problem continues to be private motor vehicles," added Mr. Pazell. "We're losing too many people on the highways."

Included in the count this year are four Airmen who died on duty in an aircraft mishap.

This year, 15 of the 24 deaths were a result of either auto or motorcycle accidents.

"Airmen need to take an operational risk management approach to traveling and plan out what they're doing. Plan for extra travel time and do not travel too much in one day," Mr. Pazell said.

One additional factor that may be contributing to extreme behavior on the road-

ways could be influenced by movies, reality television programming and even video games glamorizing high speeds and extravagant stunts, safety officials said.

"As far as motorcycles go, we've seen numbers (of accidents) over the last three years that are off the scales," Mr. Pazell said.

In a bold move to try to curb motorcycle accidents and to identify Airmen at higher risk for mishaps, Pacific Air Forces officials have implemented several programs command wide, including a restrictive motorcycle policy intended to bring safety to the forefront for every rider in the command.

The need for senior leader involvement to ensure the program's success is critical, said Master Sgt. Todd Parish, superintendent of plans and programs for PACAF's ground safety office.

"Commanders must make safety a priority to their younger Airmen," Sergeant Parish said.

The motorcycle policy the command instituted puts heavy emphasis on training and safety awareness as well as limiting those less experienced riders to vehicles more appropriate for their skill level.

For example, the policy restricts new motorcycle riders to driving machines that are under 600 cc, and they are not allowed to carry passengers for one year. This lim-



Airman Alyssa Wallace

Randy Putnam, 14th Flying Training Wing, fastens the chin strap of his helmet. Proper wear of safety equipment is an essential element of reducing risk while riding motorcycles.

its the amount of power at the hands of inexperienced riders and gives them time to develop the skills needed to operate safely.

Besides vehicle safety, Air Force officials are attempting to ingrain safety into its youngest troops early on.

The Airmen at the highest risk in general for mishaps historically have been young

men in the 19- to 25-year-old category. This group tends to suffer the most accidents and fatalities, Mr. Pazell said.

One thing that can be done to reduce this group's risk is constant reminders from the commanders so troops understand the gravity of making poor decisions.

"Commanders need to drive the safety point home constantly," Mr. Pazell said.

Passports, visas now mission-essential

Following 9/11 and the engagement of the Global War on Terrorism, nations have become more vigilant in observing travels in and out of their territories.

Passports and visas are now mission-essential items for military members and their families traveling outside of the United States.

People must complete all applications and other requirements and receive passports/visas prior to leaving the country.

Members electing an accompanied tour will not be permitted to out-process without required passports/visas in hand for themselves (if applicable) and/or dependents.

The following information can be used as a quick reference guide in obtaining official no-fee passports.

1. Contact the passport agent immediately following PCS notification and no later than 14 days of other requirements to obtain passports.
2. Obtain an application for each individual traveling overseas and set up an appointment for photos. The passport gent will give the member a suspense for all required documentation to be turned in. Required documents include the application (completed in blue ink), photos, a birth certificate with a raised

seal and a passport previously issued by the U. S. Department of State, if available.

3. Personnel who have dependents under the age of 14, both parents must be present to sign the applications and provide a copy of a picture ID. The children must be present at the time the applications are signed.
4. The average processing time for passports is 8 weeks; to obtain visas, processing is extended to an undefined amount of time. Please give ample time for processing as the base passport agent has no control over the U. S. Department of State's (or foreign embassies') procedures and timelines.
5. Personnel who have not received their passports/visas 30 days prior to their report not later than date may submit an extension of 30 days.
6. Personnel who are going PCS to Air Mobility Command have a different requirement. This will be explained when the application and work order for photos are picked up.

For questions or concerns, please contact the base passport agent, Robert Sims, at Ext. 2596 or DSN 742-2596. *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*

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DUI status

"Don't Drink and Drive"
Last DUI: June 10, 2005
Days since last DUI: 57
Unit: 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

BLAZE TEAM speaks out

What's your favorite
reality TV show?



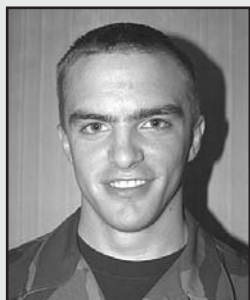
Capt. Ryan Brady
14th Civil Engineer
Squadron

The Apprentice. The competition is very entertaining. It's amazing to see the lengths that the competitors will go to to win.



2nd Lt. Brian Fitzgerald
14th Civil Engineer
Squadron

The Real World because of all the drama. I like watching them go out and party.



Airman 1st Class James Butler
14th Civil Engineer
Squadron

I don't watch reality t.v. shows. To me they are as far from reality as you can get.



Jackie Hill
14th Medical
Operations Squadron

American Idol. I like it because the viewers are involved and you never know what the outcome will be.

Confessions of a reality TV addict

Maj. Dani Johnson
5th Bomb Wing

MINOT AFB, N.D. — I have to admit it. It's tough to say out in the open, but I'm one of those — a reality TV addict. I must watch each week, and if I'm out of town, most of the ones I watch are taped so I don't miss a thing.

I'm so bad that on a recent temporary duty, when I realized that I had only taped one of my shows for an hour and it was going to run two hours, I actually talked a friend through reprogramming my VCR so I didn't miss a single minute.

How can an educated, intelligent Air Force officer such as me succumb to such a level? I usually use the excuse that when I returned from my overseas assignment, I was behind in all the series so I started watching. Actually, while that is somewhat true, honestly, I like the idea of "normal" people achieving a goal and the drama of watching what people do to

each other in stressful situations. It's a study in human behavior to me.

Honestly, it's not about who wins the money for me, but how they relate with each other. I have the ones I hate and the ones I root for no matter what. I've also learned some things from watching which can help me be a better leader.

As Airmen, we can learn from TV's latest fad. Each day is a race, a challenge. How we act determines whether we will be around for one more day and stay a part of the best Air Force in the world or take the ultimate fall and be voted off or the last one to arrive because we didn't apply what we knew.

First, perseverance. Whether it's "Amazing Race," "Survivor" or "American Idol," those who succeed are the ones who bounce back the next episode after having a completely rotten previous episode and barely make it to the next round.

Second, how would I react or should

one react in the situation? It could be walking across a suspension bridge in a foreign country, tackling a team puzzle or receiving the harshest criticism possible. I determine what would be the best avenue for me if I was in the situation. This is important because I'm learning to put myself in another person's shoes and think about the pros and cons of the situation.

Lastly, not every day is going to be great, but if you are with your loved ones, teammates or know what you are doing will achieve your final goal or dream, it's worth it. I'm constantly amazed with the support people give each other in extreme situations. I'm also amazed at the lack of support many times. Stressful situations tell you who you can depend on. It reminds you of the importance of creating strong relations with people.

Yes, I'm a reality TV addict, but I can't talk anymore, one of my shows is on.

Liberty, justice for all — in due time

Our sacrifices help Iraq's brave struggle for democracy, stability

Capt. Tracey Howell-LaPalme
407th Expeditionary
Contracting Squadron

ALI BASE, Iraq — "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with ..."

On Sept. 16, 1996, I spoke those words along with 3,000 other immigrants. As I cradled my 6-week-old daughter in my left arm, I held up my right hand to be sworn in as one of America's newest citizens. That day was a defining moment in my life.

I had left England six years before to come to the

United States, like millions of immigrants before me, in the hope of seeking independence and opportunities that, because of my "class," I could scarcely hope for in my native country.

I had always felt the pull of military service calling to me. But it wasn't until I came to America that I knew this was where I belonged.

I was finally home.

The United States was a country born out of repression that took patriots from our nation — ordinary men and women — and asked them to give of themselves completely and unselfishly to gain our country's liberty.

Now, nine years later, I find myself serving beside the men and women of Ali Base,

in a country that has suffered for many years and is at the beginning an unfamiliar journey, a journey toward a new and free Iraq.

Like our nation's forefathers, the men and women of Iraq struggle bravely for democracy. And just as America needed help during its Revolutionary War from its "coalition partners," so, too, does Iraq.

Iraqis need our help to bring stability to their country while they draft a constitution and rebuild their economy. The leaders of their fledgling government, under a daily threat of death, fight to achieve a unified Iraq that reflects the will of the Iraqi people. A country where human rights are valued and political differ-

ences are respected.

So let us not forget that the freedoms that we enjoy today were not gained in one day — just as the freedoms of the Iraqi people will take many years to achieve.

As Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafar told the United Nations, "The children of Iraq are just like yours — they don't want to lose their fathers and turn to orphans. The women of Iraq are just like yours — they don't want to lose their husbands and turn to widows."

No one said this struggle was going to be easy. We know from experience that it's not. But one thing's for sure, every single one of us here today, through our love and devotion for our great nation, is willing to sacrifice so that one day Iraq, like us, will be free to enjoy ...

"... liberty and justice for all."

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Second-quarter award winners announced

CGO of the Quarter

Capt. Michael Tkacz, 14th Contracting Squadron, is CGO of the Second Quarter for 2005. Captain Tkacz executed more than 1,200 contracting actions and his innovative effort produced a 430 percent increase in mission-essential gravel deliveries. He orchestrated Office of Special Investigations and contractor briefings in Iraq to prevent insurgent killing of local contractors, as well.

Captain Tkacz has also broadened his knowledge beyond his career field by attending the Fundamentals of Systems Acquisitions course.



Airman of the Quarter

The Airman of the 2005 Second Quarter is Senior Airman Ronnie Titus, 14th Security Forces Squadron. Senior Airman Titus is responsible for directing Airmen and NCOs in the protection of over \$150 million in assets, 233 aircraft and 10 thousand people daily.

Senior Airman Titus has dedicated hours of work toward a Habitat for Humanity home. His efforts will provide a home for a needy family. He also donated clothing and gave his time to help a Columbus family after they lost everything they owned in a fire.



Category II Civilian of the Quarter

The Second Quarter Category II Civilian for 2005 is Rose Lime, 14th Services Division. Ms. Lime effectively managed the youth center budget to fund over 400 hours of training for 15 staff members. She also initiated, marketed and carried out 23 new programs supporting youth of all ages.

Ms. Lime recruited 18 volunteers to support the Freedom Park beautification project. She has also received instructor Certification from the National Alliance for the Development of Archery.



SNCO of the Quarter

The Senior NCO of the Second Quarter for 2005 is Master Sgt. John Calhoun, 14th Medcal Support Squadron. Sergeant Calhoun fixed personnel Air Expeditionary Force assignments to meet the Air Force's mobility mission. He also decreased the number of Hazardous Declarations forms by 70 percent, reducing paper work from one hour to 10 minutes.

Sergeant Calhoun volunteered during a statewide cancer program by cooking and serving dinner for more than 45 cancer patients and guests. He also posted 50 U.S. flags at local businesses during Memorial Day weekend.



Honor Guardsman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Andrea Stegall, 14th Flying Training Wing, is the Honor Guardsman of the Third Quarter for 2005. Senior Airman Stegall was a key participant in 11 honor guard ceremonies covering more than 40,000 square miles during the third quarter. She was also selected as carriage escort for Gen. Don Cook, former commander of Air Education and Training Command, and his family.

Senior Airman Stegall is currently pursuing an associates degree in Computer Science.



Category III Civilian of the Quarter

Rita Williams, 14th Comptroller Squadron, is the Second Quarter Category III Civilian for 2005. Ms. Williams pursued Global War on Terrorism funding from headquarters and recovered \$57,000 in reimbursements. She expedited prior fiscal year funding adjustments. The process previously took a week but now only takes two days.

Ms. Williams participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and helped the Columbus AFB team raise more than \$300,000.



NCO of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Jason Treadwell, 14th Security Forces Squadron, is NCO of the 2005 Second Quarter. Sergeant Treadwell volunteered carpentry skills for CATM range projects which provided safer and more efficient training at no cost to the wing.

Sergeant Treadwell assisted in the Air Force Sergeant's Association Adopt-A-Highway cleanup project by collecting 30 pounds of trash. He also gave his time and skills to help renovate different areas in the community.



Category I Civilian of the Quarter

Diane Stone, 14th Comptroller Squadron, is the 2005 Second Quarter Category I Civilian. Ms. Stone has aggressively researched and fixed more than 30 complex pay problems.

She also implemented a bi-weekly training tool -- Civilian Pay Tid Bits -- that eliminated 50 percent of civilian pay time sheet errors.

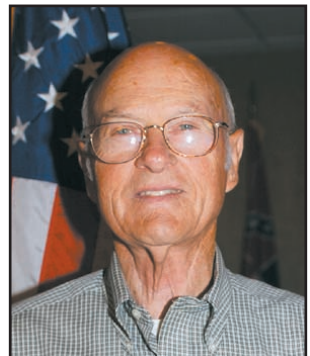
Each month Ms. Stone bakes and decorates birthday cakes for the Trinity Retirement home. She has also volunteered at local churches.



Volunteer of the Quarter

Brian Owings is the 2005 Second Quarter Volunteer. Mr. Owings volunteered more than 50 hours this quarter. He independently and faithfully operates the retiree activities office one day each week. He ensures retirees' concerns are efficiently and professionally handled and referrals are made to appropriate agencies.

Mr. Owings assists in planning and organizing meals for monthly dorm dinners -- serving more than 75 airmen each month. He also volunteers his time and effort whenever he is needed at Woodland Baptist Church.



14th SVS offers assortment of leisure activities

Putting around



Pam Wickham

Rhonda Knipmeyer, 14th Mission Support Squadron, lines up for a putt as husband, Mike Knipmeyer, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, looks on. The second annual mixed couples scramble begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Saturday at Whispering Pines Golf Course. The registration deadline is 5 p.m. today at the golf pro shop. Entry is \$60 per couple plus greens fees. Cost includes a prize fund contribution, door prizes, a T-shirt, hat clip ball marker, free beverages and a steak or chicken lunch on the patio. Call Ext. 7932.

National KidsDay: The youth center invites BLAZE TEAM families to celebrate National KidsDay from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Freedom Park. Festivities include carnival games, bouncy castles, a dunking booth, a canine demonstration, cheerleading, karate and judo demonstrations, face painting, hat making and fun olympics. Food and beverages will also be available. Call Ext. 2504.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$4.95 for all patrons.

Tuesday features a mega salad bar and potato bar, Wednesday is fried chicken, smoked barbecue brisket with all the sides, Thursday is pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken wings and sloppy Joes with all the sides, and Friday is fish and chips with a mega-sized salad bar.

The a la carte menu is also available with a new 12-minute guarantee. If a patron's order is not ready in 12-minutes, his or her next lunch is free. Call Ext. 2490.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge. The event features a free taco bar for club members and nonmembers pay \$2.95. Beverage specials are also available. Call Ext. 2490.

Crafts classes: Adults can make a mosaic box Tuesday at the arts and crafts center, an Uncle Sam wooden door hanger Aug. 16, a ribbon-woven pillow Aug. 23 and a USA wooden door hanging Aug. 30.

Youth can make a personalized pillow case Wednesday, personalized place mat Aug. 17, bulletin board Aug. 24 and a bumble bee clip Aug. 31.

Students must register at the arts and crafts center at least four days prior to the class date. Stop by the center to see a display of the projects. Call Ext. 7836.

NAF sale: The services division will conduct a non-appropriated funds sale of furniture, dishes, pots, pans and equipment from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday for active-duty military and from noon to 2 p.m. for all others. Call Ext. 7861.

Cosmic country rock and bowl: The bowling center offers a rock and bowl featuring country music from 9 p.m. to midnight Aug. 19. Cost is \$2 per game and shoe rental is free. Call Ext. 2426.

Casino dinner trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss., Aug. 19. Cost is \$17 for club members, \$20 for nonmembers, and includes transportation, \$10 in coins and a \$7 food voucher or \$17 in coins. Call Ext. 7861.

Give parents a break/Parents day out: This free childcare is offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20. Cost is \$3 per hour per child and children must be registered by Aug. 17.

The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours.

Families must be referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the family support center or child development center. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the CDC at Ext. 2479.

Champagne Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers this combination of breakfast and lunch entrees from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Cost is \$9.95 for club members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Ages 6 to 12 eat for \$5 and ages 5 and younger eat for free. Call Ext. 2490.

Bowling center specials: For \$5, patrons can bowl two games with free shoe rental and receive their choice of a cheeseburger or hot dog, fries and regular drink from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Now through Labor Day, people can bowl for \$1 per game with 50 cent shoe rental.

The pro shop offers a red, white and blue single ball bowling bag for \$17 or two for \$30 while supplies last. Call Ext. 2426.

White water rafting trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Ocoee, Tenn., to ride the white water rapids Sept. 10 through Sept. 12. Cost is \$105 per person for club members and \$120 for nonmembers. Cost includes a half-river trip, transportation, two nights lodging and three meals. Call Ext. 7861.

Bowl for the Stars and Strikes: Patrons who receive 10 punches on a Bowl For the Stars and Stikes punch card will receive two free games of bowling, a free soda and will be entered into a monthly drawing for a bowling ball. The last drawing is Aug. 15. Call Ext. 2426.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:45 a.m. — Combined service (Contemporary/Traditional)
Wednesday:
9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study
11:30 a.m. — Lunchtime study
5:30 p.m. — Pot luck supper and Bible study

Religious studies

A chapel community provides a variety of religious studies every Wednesday at the chapel annex. A ladies' study, "Managing Your Time" by Jean Syswerda, is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; a lunchtime study, "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Stuart Briscot, is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and an evening study, an overview of the Bible led by Tom Marlin, is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Base Notes

Education advisor needed

The education center is in search of applicants to fulfill the assistant education advisor and distance learning monitor position from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2006. A baccalaureate degree is required. For details on how to apply, call Ramona Ferguson at Ext. 7763. For details pertaining to the job or to obtain a statement of work, call Jose Dorta at Ext. 2565.

Student spouse group

The Student Spouses Group, a part of the Columbus Officer Spouses Club, invites student spouses of the past, present and the future for coffee and pastries at Beans and Cream located at Brickerton Square at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

No reservations are needed. For more information, call Veronica Lestina at (319) 931-0980 or e-mail veronickins@hotmail.com.

Math CLEP preparatory

The education center offers a mathematics CLEP preparatory class from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in Classroom 11 of Building 916. Twelve

seats are available and registration is a first come, first served basis.

The class is designed to sharpen mathematics skills for the Mathematics General CLEP exam Thursday. To sign up or for more information, call the education center at Ext. 2562.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour from closing. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call 434-2954.

Garage sales

On-base garage sales are only permitted the first Saturday of every month. Advertisements for sales are limited to yard signs or ads in the base paper only.

Signs must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. Displaying signs on utility poles and street signs is prohibited. Advertising yard sales in the local media, excluding the base newspaper, is also prohibited.

People may locally advertise individual items for sale, such as automobiles, boats, washers, dryers or refrigerators.

Columbus AFB housing areas are located on a federal installation and the civilian public may only enter a military installation on official business, open house functions or social visitations. Yard and carport sales do not fall within these criteria.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Resumes

A workshop about different types of resumes and how to write one effectively is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday.

Relaxation course

This two-part relaxation series is from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Aug. 16. Participants will learn how to use 45-minute progressive relaxation techniques to reduce stress. Registration is required by Aug. 5.

Parenting for prevention

This course for parents of young children is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Participants will learn about parental enabling, common behavior and how to empower children. Registration is required by Tuesday. Parents may also sign up for five additional self-study topics including conflict resolution, setting limits and more.

Smooth move

A workshop for relocating families is from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 18. Participants will learn what to expect from the travel management office, housing, military pay, legal, billing, Tricare and the family support center. Registration is required by Aug. 17.

Hearts Apart social

A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link spouse orientation is from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Aug. 22. Spouses will receive prizes and information on protocol, finances, benefits, helping agencies and local conditions. Registration is required by Aug. 18.

Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. For more information, call the family support center.

Computer concepts class

The Air Force Aid Society will sponsor this class for five spouses of active-duty Airmen stationed at Columbus AFB. Funding includes tuition and textbooks for this eight-week East Mississippi Community College class Aug. 18 through Oct. 10 on base.

It is the students' responsibility to ensure that he or she meets all requirements for enrollment with EMCC. To enroll or for more information, call EMCC at Ext. 2660. For sponsorship information, call Ext. 2790.

Free oil change

The Air Force Aid Society's "Car Care Because We Care" program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airmen's Center and spouses of active-duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

Movies

Today

"War of the Worlds"
(PG-13, frightening sequences of sci-fi violence and disturbing images, 117 min.)
Starring: Tom Cruise and Miranda Otto.

Saturday

"Herbie Fully Loaded"
(G, general audiences, 98 min.)
Starring: Lindsay Lohan and Justin Long.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.services.com.

‘Cue’ the fun

Local NCO teaches children billiard basics

Airman Alyssa Wallace
14th Flying Training Wing

Children of all ages are invited to an hour-long “Pool Tips” session with Tech. Sgt. Ron Walling at 3 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Youth Center.

Sergeant Walling, a lab technician with the 14th Medical Support Squadron, has played pool for 16 years and has been a member of the Billiard Congress of America since 1999.

He has more than 15 championship trophies, including a first place trophy for the Base Level Billiards championship.

Sergeant Walling will teach children the proper way to hold a pool stick as well as offensive and defensive techniques during the session.

He also plans to share techniques for hitting the cue ball

using a method called the Diamond System.

Learning the Diamond System can benefit players in more than one way, Sergeant Walling said. The system will help children with their math skills because they have to figure out which angle they need to hit the ball at for it to go in the direction they want it to and it also takes mental calculation, he said.

Children will have the opportunity to learn and play different pool games as well.

Sergeant Walling said by the end of the session, participants should understand the basic fundamentals of pool.

“I want the kids to have fun,” he said. “That’s my main objective.”

Registration is not required and the session is free for all children. For more information, call Sergeant Walling at Ext. 2210.



Airman Alyssa Wallace

Tech. Sgt. Ron Walling, 14th Medical Support Squadron, shows youth center children how to properly aim for a corner-pocket shot . Children of all ages are invited to attend Sergeant Walling’s free class on the fundamentals of pool at 3 p.m. Aug. 13 at the youth center. No registration is required.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week’s issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week’s issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
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Name _____					
Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____ (in case we need more information)					

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other _____
If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Shorts

Health promotion classes

The health and wellness center offers a variety of health promotion classes. A hypertension class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 17. A cholesterol education class is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 24. Most classes are offered monthly. For more information, call the center at Ext. 2477 or e-mail HAWC@columbus.af.mil.

Revised base pool hours

Now through Sept. 5, Independence Pool is closed Tuesdays and open from noon to 7 p.m. every other day. Lap swim is available weekdays only from noon to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Pool parties may be scheduled any day except Tuesday. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Youth fall soccer

Register now through Aug. 19 for the youth soccer program at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for youth center mem-

bers and \$35 for nonmembers. The youth soccer program is open to ages 3 and older. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Winter/fall bowling leagues

The bowling center is now accepting sign-ups for the fall and winter bowling leagues. The leagues will begin in the middle of September. There will be mixed double, ladies, mixed four, seniors and mixed four nine-pin no tap. Call Ext. 2426.

Aerobics instructors needed

The fitness center is looking for certified aerobics instructors. For more information about these employment opportunities, call Ext. 2773.

Twisted Mixed Tourney

This golf tournament begins with an 8 a.m. shotgun start Saturday. Entry is \$60 per couple plus greens fees, and includes a cart, ditty bag, lunch on the patio and a prize fund contribution. Call Ext. 7932.

VFW golf tournament

This Veterans of Foreign Wars golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Aug. 12 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry fee for this four-person, nine-hole scramble is \$15 per player plus greens fees. Cost includes a prize fund contribution. Carts are extra and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Four Mulligans per team are available for an additional \$10. To register or for more information, call Ext. 7932.

Women's Equality fun run

A Women’s Equality Day fun run/walk begins at Aug. 19 in front of the fitness center. Family, children and pets are invited to run a 5k course or walk a 1.5-mile course. Call Ext. 2772.

One-person scramble

Golfers can legally take two shots during this one-person golf scramble Aug. 20 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees. The deadline to register for this event is Aug. 19. Call Ext. 7932.

Nature Trails

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB’s Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call Sarah Fafinski at Ext. 7958.



The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program recognizes and rewards good ideas. Individuals, teams or groups can submit ideas on how the Air Force can accomplish something faster, better or cheaper at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. People can save the Air Force money and earn cash rewards for their ideas. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer at Ext. 2354.